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Mint of the United States.

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Sir

I am the satisfaction of being able to reply fully & promptly to your inquiries respecting the Hill Engraving Machine.

A friendly correspondence which has long been maintained between the Assay Department of the Royal Mint at London, and the U S Mint, brought to us, early in 1862, an offer to sell this machine, or to have work executed by it.

At our request Mr Hill wrote out a description of his machine, or rather of what it could do. A copy of his letter (about 5 pages of letter paper) will be sent to you if desired. His offer was to supply the machinery for £1450 guineas, and to come over and give it a fair start, his expenses and 20 guineas a month to be paid for a short time.

I consider it more important just now to copy what was said of the